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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference x-12553	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/ 27801	International filing date (day/month/year) 23/11/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 30/11/1998
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 7 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1 (b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☒ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☒ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☒ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☒ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☒ Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claim 29 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Claims 3, 17 completely, Claims 1, 2, 6-16, 18-32 partially.

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims 1-3,14,16-23,32 relate in part to a generic "NGE", without clearly specifying what this actually means. For the purpose of the search, it has been assumed, in the light of Table I and of the definition given on page 12, lines 7-17, that NGE represents a non-glycosylated form of the wild type erythropoietin sequence (e.g., expressed in non-glycosylating cells).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

1. Claims: (3,17) - completely; (1,2,6-16,18-32) - partly

A non-glycosylated erythropoietin (NGE) polypeptide selected from:

NGE,
NGE-166del,
MR-NGE,
MR-NGE-166del.

Corresponding nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, transgenic animals, production methods.

Corresponding erythropoietic compound comprising said NGE and a polymer portion, wherein the polymer portion consists of 1 to 5 chains of formula $[R-O-(CH_2CH_2-O)_x-(CH_2)_y-NH]$, wherein R is H or C1 to C4 alkyl, x is a number from about 70 to 1200, and y is a number from 1 to 4, and the polymer chain is covalently bonded to the protein portion by a secondary amine; and a process for preparing said compound.

2. Claims: (1,2,6-16,18-32) - partly

Idem as subject-matter 1, but wherein the erythropoietin is a non-glycosylated erythropoietin (NGE) analog polypeptide selected from:

NGE-5E,
NGE-5E-166del,
MR-NGE-5E,
MR-NGE-5E-166del
MR-NGE-88E/K/P/S,
MR-NGE-88E/K/P/S-166del
MR-NGE-4E,
MR-NGE-4E-166del

3. Claims: (4,5) - completely; (1,2,6-16,18-32) - partly

Idem as subject-matter 1, but wherein the erythropoietin is a non-glycosylated erythropoietin (NGE) analog polypeptide selected from:

NGE-W5E,
NGE-W5E-166del,
MR-NGE-W5K
MR-NGE-W5K-166del

4. Claims: (6-11,15,24-32) - partly

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

As far as not covered by inventions 1-3:

An erythropoietic compound comprising a non-glycosylated human erythropoietin (or a non-glycosylated erythropoietin analog) and a polymer portion, wherein the polymer portion consists of 1 to 5 chains of formula
 $[R-O-(CH_2CH_2-O)_x-(CH_2)_y-NH]$, wherein R is H or C1 to C4 alkyl, x is a number from about 70 to 1200, and y is a number from 1 to 4, and the polymer chain is covalently bonded to the protein portion by a secondary amine; and a process for preparing said compound.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

IPC 7 C12N C07K A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

^o Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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